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Applicants : RUARO, et al.



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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND LEARNING WITH NEURONAL CULTURES

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**COMMUNICATION TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DECLARATION  
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This Communication is being filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a), to submit a copy of the original Declaration & Power of Attorney, duly executed by the inventors of the above-identified application. A copy of the original Declaration & Power of Attorney is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (2 pages). 37 CFR 1.492(e) states that a surcharge is required for the filing of the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date. Applicants' earliest claimed priority date is November 29, 2002, with the 30-month period expiring on May 29, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants hereby enclose a check in the amount of SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) to cover the above-mentioned surcharge.

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The deadline to submit the Declaration and Power of Attorney is the later of 32 months from the earliest priority date or two (2) months from the mailing of the Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, the Declaration and Power of Attorney is being timely submitted.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00), is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891. Conversely, authorization is also hereby given to credit the amount of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which  
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☒ was filed on May 24, 2005  
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 was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
RM2002A000604	ITALY	November 29, 2002	X	_____
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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And I hereby appoint:

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Attorney, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file any International Applications which are based thereon under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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